

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
December 22, 2016

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE CITY OF CLEWISTON,
AMERICA'S SWEETEST TOWN**

City of Clewiston's 2016 Outstanding Employees of the Year were recognized at the December 19, 2016 Commission Meeting. Congratulations to Shari Howell, Maria Antunez, Darrin McNeil, Osmel Fonseca, and Michael Cox.



PLEASE BE AWARE OF UTILITY PAYMENT SCAMS: Scam artists are calling Utility customers posing as employees of Clewiston Utilities and threatening disconnection of services if payment is not made immediately. Please be aware:

- 1) Clewiston Utilities will NEVER request you to purchase money cards or gift cards to pay your account over the phone.
- 2) Clewiston Utilities will NEVER contact our customers on the weekend and threaten disconnection of services.
- 3) Clewiston Utilities will NEVER speak to our customers in a threatening tone.

If you feel you have been a victim of this scam, please contact Clewiston Utilities to verify the call or the Clewiston Police Department and file a report.

Dates to Remember

December 23-26, 2016 – Christmas Holiday – City Offices will be closed
January 2, 2017 – New Year Holiday – City Offices will be closed
January 9, 2017 – Library Advisory Board Meeting
January 9, 2017 - Planning & Zoning Board Meeting
January 16, 2017 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – City Offices will be closed
January 19, 2017 – Golf Course Advisory Board Meeting
January 19, 2017 – Clewiston City Commission Workshop
January 23, 2017 – Clewiston City Commission Meeting

Staff Reports

Library Director Barrett reports:

- **For information regarding any of our programs, please call the library at (863) 983-1493 and remember to visit www.hendrylibraries.org.**

Golf Course Director Robbie Rush Reports:

- Get all Clewiston Golf Course news. Visit our website at www.clewiston-fl.gov and sign up under Constant Contact. You will automatically be put on the golf course e-mail.
- **Clewiston Golf Course** once again has been recognized as one of the premier golf courses in South Florida. Southern Golf Magazine writer Mike May and GoGolfandTravel.com have just published an article on our great golf course. You can read the article on Clewiston Golf Course Facebook.
- Play is starting to pick up at the golf course. Tee times are required.
- Clewiston Golf Course has Gift Cards, Sun Mountain Golf Bags, Titleist 917 Drivers, Imperial Logo Hats, Golf Buddy Range Finders, Tervis Tumblers, Ping Irons, Ping Woods, Putters, Wedges, Donald Ross Men's Shirts, Greg Norman Collection Women's Clothes and Outerwear for both men and women.
- Golf Course Staff can get anything for you that pertains to golf. You can find great **Christmas Gifts** in the golf shop.
- Remember the Clewiston Golf Course Facebook Website has a lot of info and great pictures. Check it out.
- Clewiston Golf Course Men's Club Championship was Saturday, December 17, 2016. Joe Whitehead won the Gross Division with a score of 74. Tim Burke, Sr. won the Net Division with a score of 70. Congratulations!!!
- The golf staff has put together our January-June Tournament Schedule and Ladies/Junior Golf Clinics. You can pick up the booklets in the golf shop.
- **Upcoming Events** – **For more information, call the golf shop at 863-983-1448.**
 - January 7, 2017 Men's Match Play Championship
 - January 7, 2017 Ladies Golf Clinic
 - January 13, 2017 Glow Ball Night Golf Tournament
 - January 14, 2017 Junior Golf Clinic
 - January 14, 2017 SE District Elks Tournament
 - January 17 and 24, 2017 Ladies Club Championship
 - January 21, 2017 Ladies Golf Clinic
 - January 21, 2017 Deputy Brian Haas Memorial Tournament
 - January 26, 2017 CLGA Twilight Golf Scramble
 - January 28, 2017 Junior Golf Clinic

Recreation Director Lance Ramer reports:

- Go to www.clewistonrecreation.com to check us out and get information regarding all your recreational needs.

Public Works Director Sean Scheffler reports:

- Mosquito Control: Trap popped this week with the Okeechobee trap bringing in over 350 mosquitoes, the traps on Saginaw and in Harlem bringing in over 150 each. We have called for a ground ULV treatment on the 20th and on the 2^{1st}. We are scheduled for an air ULV treatment on the 23rd or 24th.
- Street Maintenance: (1) Staff is making the second pour of sidewalk in the 400 block of Royal Palm Ave. (2) New sod on Pasadena is getting watered daily and will get fertilized this week.
- Facility Maintenance: (1) Manny has been working with the street crews forming sidewalk and pulling repairs between pours.
- The Mowing Contract: The Commission awarded the north side contract to IVG Corp. and the south side contract to Cross Training Ministries, Inc. at this month's regular meeting. We are to begin on January 1st, 2017. Each contract has a term of one year.
- Drainage Project: All paper work is complete and we are waiting on shop drawings of the inlets to be approved by our engineer. Work on this project will not begin until after the first of the year to minimize the amount of inconvenience to the two businesses in the area.
- Boat Basin Preparations: Staff from all departments will be working in the boat basin area the coming days as we prepare for the winter season fishing tournaments. (1) Bathroom facility will be inspected for repairs and maintenance. (2) Electric crew will be hanging the large Welcome banners on the north side of the parking lots and checking light and light bulbs in the pole mount fish and parking lots. (3) The Recreation Department is inspecting the floating docks and making arrangements to get the dead water vegetation removed from the rocks at the lake side ramp. (4) Additional banner brackets are being installed to handle the "Lake O" banners. Other maintenance objectives are scheduled to be done before the start of the season.
- Holiday Solid Waste Services: The special Christmas collection sites will start being set up on Wednesday this week. Signage will be placed to help residents know how sites are to be used. New news, the City was notified this week that electronics and the like can be placed in the dumpsters for collection. So DO NOT PLACE televisions, stereos, PCs or any electric devices on the ground by the dumpsters.

Police Chief Gutshall reports:

- We have responded to an ever increasing number of child custody / visitation issues as the holidays draw near. Parents and step-parents are becoming embroiled in dustups, vulgar language and name-calling in front of the children. Very childish behavior on the part of these adults.
- Two women got into a brawl one night this week because the first woman took exception to the fact that the second woman was pressing charges against the first woman's friend in an unrelated incident. Charges for witness tampering are pending against the first woman.

- A golf cart was stolen from a business on Francisco overnight. Officers found the golf cart a short time later. A warrant request will be submitted for the suspect in the theft. The cart has been returned to the owner.
- Traffic accidents have peaked this week. Please drive with caution and by all means, if you're drinking, have a designated driver or call a cab.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:
 - 1085** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
 - 622** Complaints Investigated
 - 18** Arrests Made
 - 16** Traffic Citations Issued
 - 4** City Ordinance Violations
 - 33** Red Light Camera Violations
 - 50** Merchant Escorts Provided
 - 14** Alarms Responded To
 - 9** Traffic Accidents Investigated

Utilities Director Williams reports:

- Please remember to register with CodeRed (Reverse 911). This system allows us to contact you in case of an emergency or with other informational announcements. You may register by clicking on the CodeRed link at the bottom of the City's website page www.clewiston-fl.gov. You may update your information at any time through the same link.
- If you are considering replacing your air conditioner or insulation, remember the City offers a rebate program for those items. Most local contractors participate in the program and can give you information. You can also visit our website at www.clewiston-fl.gov or call our office.
- DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR METER BASED SURGE PROTECTION! Visit our office today.
- ONLINE BILL PAY IS AVAILABLE on our web site at www.clewiston-fl.gov or www.municipalonlinepayments.com/clewistonfl.